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June 6, 2014

Jack Shelburn El Rancho Mobile Home Park 58 A Evergreen Lane Santa Fe, NM 87509

RE: Administrative Compliance Order, NO. 2014-ACO-07 El Rancho Mobile Home Park, PWS# NM3570426

Mr. Shelburn,

Please find attached Administrative Compliance Order No. 2014-ACO-07 issued to Louise R. Vigil, for El Rancho Mobile Home Park, PWS# NM3570426, under the Environmental Improvement Act, NMSA 1978, § 74-1-10, the Drinking Water Regulations, 20.7.10 NMAC. Please review the Administrative Compliance Order (Order) carefully to understand what action must be taken to comply with the requirements of the Order. Louise R. Vigil, has a right to answer the allegations in the Order and request a hearing, NMSA 1978, §§ 61-33-120.E and 74-1-10.E and 20.1.5 NMAC (available at <a href="https://www.nmenv.state.nm.us">www.nmenv.state.nm.us</a>).

If you have any questions or need assistance with meeting the requirements of this Order, please contact Maria J. Medina, Enforcement Coordinator, at 505-476-8629 or via email at maria.medina@state.nm.us.

Sincerely,

Tom Blaine PE, Division Director Environmental Health Division

cc. Jeff Pompeo, Compliance Officer
Tonia Biggs, Region 6, EPA (Electronic)
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# STATE OF NEW MEXICO SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENT

NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION,

Complainant,

No. 2014-ACO-07

v.

LOUISE R. VIGIL,

Respondent.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE ORDER

Pursuant to the Environmental Improvement Act ("EIA"), NMSA 1978, § 74-1-10, and the Drinking Water Regulations ("DW Regulations"), 20.7.10 NMAC, the Secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED"), acting through the Director of the Environmental Health Division of the NMED, issues this Administrative Compliance Order ("Order") to Louise R. Vigil ("Respondent") to enforce the EIA and DW Regulations.

#### **FINDINGS**

- 1. The NMED is an executive agency within the government of the State of New Mexico and is charged with administration and enforcement of the EIA and DW Regulations.
- 2. Respondent owns and operates a public drinking water system ("System") El Rancho Mobile Home Park Santa Fe, PWS# NM3570426, located in Santa Fe County, New Mexico.
- 3. The System is a Community water system, as defined by Section 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.2], that regularly provides piped drinking water to approximately forty (40) residents and has approximately sixteen (16) service connections to serve residents.
- 4. Respondent, Louise R. Vigil, is a "person" as defined by the EIA, NMSA 1978, § 74-1-3 and 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.2].

- 5. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(d)(1)], Initial tap sampling, requires public water systems to monitor for lead and copper in tap water during two (2) consecutive six-month periods.
- 6. On August 14, 2013, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to Respondent by NMED for failure to complete the initial monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water during two (2) consecutive six-month monitoring periods during 2011 and 2012 calendar years. The NOV notified Respondent that it was required to provide public notice of the violation.
- 7. On January 31, 2014, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to Respondent by NMED for failure to complete the initial monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water during two (2) consecutive six-month monitoring periods during the 2013 calendar year. The NOV notified Respondent that it was required to provide public notice of the violation.
- 8. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(4)], establishes requirements for ground water systems with significant deficiencies or source water fecal contamination, requires a groundwater system to consult with the State regarding the appropriate corrective action within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of significant deficiency.
- 9. On May 10, 2013, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to Respondent by NMED for failure to submit a corrective action plan to the State regarding appropriate corrective actions within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of significant deficiencies. The NOV notified Respondent that it was required to provide public notice of the violation.
- 10. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(5)], Ground water systems with significant deficiencies or source water fecal contamination, requires a groundwater system to either correct significant deficiencies or be in compliance with a State approved corrective action plan within 120 days of receiving written notice by the State of significant deficiency.
- 11. On May 10, 2013, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to Respondent by NMED for failure to correct significant deficiencies identified during the November 27, 2012, Sanitary Survey within 120 days of receiving written notice of significant deficiencies. The NOV notified Respondent that it was required to provide public notice of the violation.

- 12. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.155(c)], requires CCR certifications be sent to the State no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.
- 13. On October 23, 2013, a Notice of Violation (NOV) was issued to Respondent by NMED for failure to submit A CCR certification for the 2012 calendar year to the State by October 1, 2013.
- 14. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(7)(i)(ii) and 141.31(d)], requires a public water system to notify customers of the violation and certify that the notice was published and the method of publication by submitting a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form to NMED within ten (10) days of completing the public notification requirements. The public water system must include a copy of the public notice made available to customers.
- 15. On May 10, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of failure to submit a corrective action plan to the State regarding appropriate corrective actions within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice of significant deficiencies.
- 16. On May 10, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of failure to correct significant deficiencies identified during the November 27, 2012, Sanitary Survey within 120 days of receiving written notice of significant deficiencies.
- 17. 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.203 and 141.31(d)], requires a public water system to notify customers of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) exceedance and certify that the notice was published and the method of publication by submitting a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form to NMED within ten (10) days of completing the public notification requirements. The public water system must include a copy of the public notice made available to customers.
- 18. On May 31, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #1(North) during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) quarters of 2013.
- 19. On May 31, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #2 (South) during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) and second (2<sup>nd</sup>) quarters of 2013.

- 20. On August 23, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #1 (North) during the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter of 2013.
- 21. On August 23, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #2 (South) during the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) quarter of 2013.
- 22. On December 13, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #1 (North) during the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter of 2013.
- 23. On December 13, 2013, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #2 (South) during the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarter of 2013.
- 24. On April 10, 2014, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #1 (North) during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) quarter of 2014.
- 25. On April 10, 2014, a Notice was issued to Respondent by NMED to notify the public and the State of the exceedance of the Uranium Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) at Well #2 (South) during the first (1<sup>st</sup>) quarter of 2014.

#### VIOLATION 1

26. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(d)(1)], Initial tap sampling, which requires public water systems to monitor for lead and copper in tap water during two (2) consecutive six-month periods. Respondent failed to complete the initial monitoring requirements for lead and copper in tap water during two (2) consecutive six-month monitoring periods during the 2011, 2012, and 2013 calendar years.

#### **VIOLATION 2**

27. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(4)], Ground water systems with significant deficiencies or source water fecal

contamination, which requires a groundwater system to consult with the State regarding the appropriate corrective action within thirty (30) days of receiving written notice by the State of significant deficiency. Respondent failed to submit corrective action plan within thirty (30) days of receiving notice by the State.

#### **VIOLATION 3**

28. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(5)], Ground water systems with significant deficiencies or source water fecal contamination, which requires a groundwater system to either correct significant deficiencies or be in compliance with a State approved corrective action plan within 120 days of receiving written notice by the State of significant deficiency. Respondent failed to correct significant deficiencies identified during the November 27, 2012, Sanitary Survey within 120 days of receiving written notice by the State.

#### **VIOLATION 4**

29. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.155(c)], which requires CCR certifications be sent to the State no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Respondent failed to submit a CCR certification for the 2012 calendar year to the State by October 1, 2013.

#### **VIOLATION 5**

30. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(7)(i)(ii) and 141.31(d)], which requires a public water system to notify customers of the violation and certify that the notice was published and the method of publication by submitting a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form to NMED within ten (10) days of completing the public notice requirements. Respondent failed to submit to NMED a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form and a copy of the public notice within ten (10) days of notifying customers of failure to submit corrective action within thirty

(30) days of being notified by the State and failure to correct significant deficiencies within 120 days of being notified by the State.

#### **VIOLATION 6**

31. Respondent is in violation of 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.203 and 141.31(d)], which requires a public water system to notify customers of the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) exceedance violation and certify that the notice was published and the method of publication by submitting a completed copy of the Public Notification Certification Form to NMED within ten (10) days of completing the public notice requirements. Respondent failed to submit to NMED completed copies of the Public Notification Certification Forms and copies of the public notices within ten (10) days of notifying customers of Uranium MCL exceedance during first (1<sup>st</sup>), second (2<sup>nd</sup>), third (3<sup>rd</sup>), and fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) quarters of 2013 and first (1<sup>st</sup>) quarter of 2014 for Well #1(North) and Well #2 (South).

#### **RETURN TO COMPLIANCE**

Based upon the foregoing, Respondent is hereby ordered to comply with the following:

- 32. By December 31, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.86(d)(1)], and collect initial tap lead and copper samples during two (2) consecutive sixmonth periods.
- 33. By June 30, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(4)], and submit a corrective action plan to the State.
- 34. By July 31, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.403(a)(5)], and correct significant deficiencies identified during the November 27, 2012, Sanitary Survey.
- 35. By October 1, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.155(c)], and submit a CCR certification to the State.
- 36. By July 31, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141. 403(a)(7)(i)(ii) and 141.31(d)], and submit copies of the Public Notification Certification Form and copies of the public notices notifying customers of failure to submit corrective action plan

and failure to correct significant deficiencies identified in the November 27, 2012, Sanitary Survey.

37. By July 31, 2014, comply with 20.7.10.100 NMAC, [incorporating 40 C.F.R. § 141.203 and 141.31(d)], and submit copies of Public Notification Certification Forms and copies of the public notices notifying customers of the Uranium MCL exceedance violations.

38. Submittals made pursuant to paragraphs 32 through 37 shall be sent by standard U.S. mail or certified mail with return receipt requested to the following:

Maria J. Medina, Enforcement Coordinator New Mexico Environment Department Drinking Water Bureau P.O. Box 5469 Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469

If respondent fails to comply with the requirements of paragraphs 32 through 38 of this order, the Secretary of NMED may assess additional civil penalties not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000) for each instance of noncompliance with this order.

#### RIGHT TO ANSWER AND REQUEST A HEARING

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 61-33-120.E and 74-1-10.E and 20.1.5 NMAC (available at <a href="https://www.nmenv.state.nm.us">www.nmenv.state.nm.us</a>), Respondent has the right to request a hearing. If Respondent (a) contests any material or legal matters upon which this Order is based; (b) contends that Respondent is entitled to prevail as a matter of law; or (c) otherwise contests the appropriateness of this Order, Respondent may mail or deliver within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order a written Request for Hearing at the following address:

Hearing Clerk
New Mexico Environment Department
P.O. Box 5469
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

Respondent must attach a copy of this Order to the Request for Hearing. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(d) NMAC.

The Request for Hearing shall include an Answer. Respondent's Answer shall clearly and directly admit, deny or explain each of the factual allegations contained in this Order with regard to which Respondent has any knowledge. Where Respondent has no knowledge of a particular factual allegation, Respondent should so state, and the Respondent may deny the allegation on that basis. Any allegation in this Order not specifically denied shall be deemed admitted. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(a) NMAC.

Respondent's Answer shall also include any affirmative defenses upon which Respondent intends to rely. Any affirmative defense not asserted in the Answer, except a defense asserting lack of subject matter jurisdiction, shall be deemed waived. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(b) NMAC.

Respondent's Answer shall be signed under oath or affirmation that the information contained therein is to the best of the signer's knowledge believed to be true and correct. 20.1.5.200.A(2)(c) NMAC.

#### FINALITY OF ORDER

Pursuant to NMSA 1978, §§ 61-33-10.E and § 74-1-10.E, this Order shall become final unless the Respondent files a Request for Hearing with the Hearing Clerk within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order.

#### SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE

Whether or not a Request for Hearing has been filed, Respondent may confer with the NMED concerning settlement of this Order. The NMED encourages settlement consistent with the provisions and objectives of the EIA and the DW Regulations. Settlement discussions neither extend the thirty (30) day deadline for filing a Request for Hearing and Answer nor alter the deadline imposed for compliance with the mandate of this Order. Settlement discussion may be pursued as an alternative to, and simultaneously with, the hearing proceedings. Respondent may appear at the settlement conference alone or accompanied or represented by legal counsel.

A Stipulated Final Order shall finalize any settlement reached by the parties. The Stipulated Final Order must resolve all issues raised in this Order, shall be final and binding on all parties, and may not be appealed.

To explore the possibility of settlement in this matter, contact Maria J. Medina, Drinking Water Bureau, New Mexico Environment Department, P.O Box 5469, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502-5469, (505) 476-8629.

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS**

Compliance with the requirements of this Order does not relieve Respondent of the obligation to comply with all other applicable laws and regulations. This Order does not constitute a waiver, suspension, or modification of the requirements of 20.7.10 NMAC and 20.7.4 NMAC which remain in full force and effect. Issuance of this Order is not an election by the NMED to forgo any civil or criminal action otherwise authorized under the EIA.

#### **TERMINATION**

This Order shall terminate when Respondent certifies that all requirements of this Order have been met and the NMED has approved such certification in writing, or when the Secretary approves a Stipulated Final Order.

Tom Blaine PE

**Division Director** 

**Environmental Health Division** 

Harold L. Runnels Building

1190 St. Francis Drive

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87502

#### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Administrative Compliance Order was sent on <u>6/13</u>, 2014 via certified return receipt requested to the following:

Jack Shelburn El Rancho Mobile Home Park 58 A Evergreen Lane Santa Fe, NM 87509

Stephanie Stringer